

SOCIETY FULL OF WARSHIPS AT FARRAR SHRINE

Makes Initial Bow to Local Favor With Associate Artists at Lyric Theater. Pleases in Duo Work.

BY GEORGE WILLIAMSON.

Geraldine Farrar and her associate artists made their initial bow to local favor at the Lyric theater Tuesday evening in the presence of a capacity audience, which to all appearances enjoyed the occasion very much indeed. Society was there in full force, for its devotees full well know that this wonderful songstress has long had as her worshippers at her shrine not only the lovers of good music but those who would shine in the eyes of the leaders in the realm of social pleasures. That she has been one of the Metro-politan favorites for years attests both her histrionic powers and those of vocalism, for nowhere in the world is the acid test more severe.

Those who saw and heard her Tuesday evening have no occasion for disappointment, despite the fact that her program could easily have been more appealing. However, she rose to the most extreme heights in her rendition of that gem of "Madama Butterfly," the "On Bel Di," which perhaps is one of her best-known pieces and sung as none but she can or does.

Adding to this favorite and giving to those never having heard her before a slight intimation of what a wonderful artist she is, she sang the "Habenera" from "Carmen," but it was questionable whether her matchless singing or it was the occasion for more exclamation of joy than a view of the exquisite shawl with which she draped her graceful shoulders and body, especially from the women present.

Apparently the program was in no good condition for the concert as to voice, for her initial number, "Con-cha-le-to," from "Carmen," which she failed to raise enthusiasm among her hearers as one might expect after such anticipation. There was, of course, the warmth or delicacy of tone that in concert she was at home in. Naturally the audience expressed its appreciation and with her gracious charm of manner and as few could know how to do as well she responded with the "Mighty Lak a Rose," herself at the piano.

In her duo work with Mr. Hackett, whose voice was pleasing for its sweetness and clarity, she proved herself decidedly more enjoyable than otherwise, presumably as more opportunity was given for the display of some of that matchless personality and charm which has contributed so much to her success in reaching the loftiest pinnacles of fame in her chosen line of artistic endeavor. The duo from "Carmen" was quite effective and much enjoyed and they gave as an encore a number from "Mason."

It was in the Butterfly duet, "O Quanti Occhi," however, that the climax of the program was reached, and the entire audience was held spell-bound by the beauties of the rendition. More display of the great talents of the noted diva was had than in anything of the nature of the program and she came nearer fulfilling expectations. Words fail to describe the exquisite feeling and sympathy with which she invested this charming bit from this heart-breaking opera, and it simply made one hungry to hear her in the entire role. In Mr. Hackett she had a most worthy aid, for his work was indicative of the real artist.

Attempts to describe the marvelous charm of personality of the noted Geraldine are simply waste of words, for she is blessed with the unusual in more ways than one. Many of those who heard her left with more exalted opinions than when they first entered the place, and she occupies the topmost place as the American artist supreme. Her costume was the occasion for many exclamations of joy from the female members of the audience, while her gracious manner and winsome smile helped to arouse the staid old countenances of the men folk.

As accompanying artists, whose numbers comprised fully two-thirds of the time of the concert, including the numerous encores which they so freely and readily granted, Miss Farrar had luminaries which helped to make her brilliancy more resplendent, although they were given hearty appreciation. Carl Webster, "celist," opened the program with Pumper's "Romanza" and Boccherini's "Rondo," granting an encore, and midway of the program added three more numbers, with an encore. The latter was decidedly the most enjoyable thing he played, his grace being more notable than any depth or color which he gave to the selections.

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Arthur Hackett, one of the three brothers who have risen to heights in the vocal world, has a tenor which is especially enjoyable in songs of the lighter classic sort, with recognition of the public taste for such, and he proved a worthy contributor to the program. He was especially happy in the choice of his encores.

Bury Mrs. Minnie Phelan Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Bell Phelan, who died Tuesday morning at family residence, 1185 Rayner street, will be conducted Thursday with mass at 9:30 o'clock at St. Patrick's church. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery. She was the wife of Thomas C. Phelan, well-known business man.

Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Arden R. Phelan; two sisters, Mrs. Norman Bibb, of Hannibal, Mo., and Mrs. George Tague, and one brother, Thomas Johnson, of St. Louis.

MAN, 75, CHARGED WITH KILLING SON

ROCKWOOD, Tenn., May 5.—Jake Whitman, 75, was killed by blows with an axe at his home near LaFollette, Tenn., Sunday and his father, 75, is charged with the killing.

According to reports received here, Young Whitman was leaning over and lacing his shoes when struck. Deputy Sheriff Hesterly, who arrested the elder Whitman, said it was believed the man was insane.

UNIONS BOOST PAY OF WALKING DELEGATES

NEW YORK, May 5.—Walking delegates of the unions comprising the New York Building Trades council, whose members recently received increases in pay, have had their wages boosted, too. They will receive a minimum weekly salary of \$75, it was announced today, and unions who do not pay the new scale will be refused seats in the council.

SHOOT'S GALLINULE; FINED

JACKSON, Miss., May 5. (Sp.)—It was a strange looking bird, so John Murcherson, a negro, resident of Washington addition, a Jackson suburb, took a short at it. The bird was crippled and becoming pride, John gave it to the city zoo. In some way or other a federal game warden heard of the generous act of John, and arrested him for shooting a gallinule, whatever that is. John explained to Judge Edwin Holmes, in federal court Tuesday, and was fined \$5. The bird is now in the migratory game laws of the nation.

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He claims, with ex-Gov. O'Neal, that prohibition is a live issue because of the movement to loosen up the sale of light wines and beers. That, he said, was only an entering wedge of the effort to restore the sale of red liquor. Capt. White said the Volstead act is the greatest piece of legislation to uplift mankind since the Ten Commandments were handed down from the mount. He been taken away from the people by the federal government—that they had tagged him away from themselves for the representative of humanity. Capt. White referred several times to ex-Gov. O'Neal as the representative of everything to which he (Capt. White) is opposed. O'Neal is making a campaign in defense of the Volstead act, he asserted, and is trying to bring liquor down from the mountain tops into the valleys and cities.

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